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## **KANSAS MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO ATTEMPTING TO ENTICE A MINOR FOR SEX**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Kan., man pleaded guilty in federal court today to attempting to entice a minor – who in reality was an undercover detective with the Platte County, Mo., Sheriff's Department – to engage in sexual activity.

**Lee M. Bailey**, 47, of Kansas City, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Gary A. Fenner this morning to charges contained in an Aug. 10, 2004, federal indictment.

**Bailey** admitted that he used an Internet chat room on Feb. 27, 2004, in an attempt to entice a minor to engage in illicit sexual activity. **Bailey** attempted to entice a 14-year-old girl, who in reality was an undercover law enforcement officer, and arranged to meet a few days later for sex. **Bailey** was arrested, Graves said, when he arrived for that meeting.

By pleading guilty, **Bailey** also agreed to forfeit to the government any property used to commit the offense, including a Dell desktop computer, a Maxtor hard drive and a Micro Webcam CD.

Under federal statutes, **Bailey** could be subject to a mandatory minimum sentence of five years in federal prison without parole, up to 30 years of imprisonment, plus a fine up to \$250,000. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the United States Probation Office.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Katharine Fincham. It was investigated by the Platte County, Mo., Sheriff's Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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